

TRUTH OF "BREAKS" WITH THE VARSITY

The Facts of Many "Severed Relations" Incidents Are Given to the Public.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ISSUES A STATEMENT

Strong Answer Is Made to Recent Criticism, Which Reflects on Sportsmanship of the University Players—Alleged Cases of "Quitting" Are Explained.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 13.—The executive committee of the General Athletic Association of the University of Virginia to-day issued the following statement:

In view of the wide publicity given to an editorial criticism of athletic policies at the University of Virginia, which appeared in a Danville newspaper March 3, and the misrepresentation contained therein, the executive committee of the General Athletic Association judges it not ill-advised to issue the following official statement. In order that those who desire may have an opportunity to ascertain the facts and thus be enabled to form just conclusions.

The plain intention of the editorial is to convey the impression that when ever Virginia suffers a defeat, particularly in football, the university severs athletic relations with the victorious team, and that is guilty of "un-sportsmanlike" conduct, "savoring suspiciously of playing the baby act."

In support of this contention, the editorial cites the following cases:

No. 1. There is the alleged severance of athletic relations between Virginia and Johns Hopkins University, "as a result of a recent disagreement growing out of a track meet in Baltimore." This is false. The athletic authorities of the University of Virginia have never even contemplated or considered such a step.

Inference Is False.

No. 2. It is alleged that Virginia broke off relations with the University of North Carolina after Carolina had defeated us by the score of 6 to 2 in 1898. There is but one element of truth in this case, and that is irrelevant to the purpose of the editorial. The inference based on it is false. There was a severance in 1903 between North Carolina and Virginia.

This "break" occurred before and not after the game that fall, and hence, could not have been due to the defeat. The game was played under mutual protestation, as a result of which Carolina officially notified Virginia before the game that thereafter athletic relations were at an end. Hence, the implication is evidently untrue that Virginia "quit" because defeated.

No. 3. "A similar break followed the defeat of the university football team in Washington some years ago. When the game was over, the Virginia score of something like 17 to 15. This break did occur after the game. But Georgetown "broke" with Virginia. Virginia did not break with Georgetown. The cause of Georgetown's action was an incidental remark in an account of the game by the writer of "College Topics." This writer in "Topics" irresponsibly tried to be witty, but unfortunately proved only to be offensive.

The "apologies by Virginia," to which the editorial refers, were the suitable ones offered by the writer of the article to the readers of "College Topics." Consequently, in this case also, the assumption that Virginia broke with Georgetown on account of defeat is obviously false.

No. 4. "Then came V. P. I., which committed the unpardonable offense of defeating Virginia at Charlottesville, 1905. Severance of relations followed." It is true that V. P. I. did defeat Virginia in 1905; it is also true that in this instance Virginia did the "breaking." In fact, Virginia wrote V. P. I. canceling the game in the fall of 1904, before the game was played. Fundamental questions of amateur eligibility were at stake, and Virginia does not hesitate to have the case stand upon its merits. The facts of the case aroused much interest at the time, and were widely discussed. It would be improper now to reopen the case by any official repetition of details.

Did Not Drop W. and L.

No. 5. "Washington and Lee University defeated Virginia two years ago by 1 point, and straightway Washington and Lee was dropped from the schedule." This is false. Virginia has never dropped Washington and Lee. On the contrary, the victory of Washington and Lee, Virginia has repeatedly written the Washington and Lee management in an effort to secure a game with her at Charlottesville. The latter has absolutely refused to schedule a game with Virginia unless Virginia consented to play her away from Charlottesville. Virginia has never played Washington and Lee anywhere but at Charlottesville. We do not wish to be misunderstood as in any way whatsoever criticizing Washington and Lee for their decision. It is impossible, however, for Virginia to comply with the request. The faculty of the University of Virginia grants the team a very limited number of days leave of absence during a season, and many factors enter into the decision.

No. 6. "Now Virginia, which played Seawane last season a very close game, has lost a game with that team by a narrow margin." This statement is misleading. At the regular time the

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RIVERSIDE AND DEEP RUN HUNTERS READY FOR THE CHASE



This joint meeting of the Petersburg and Richmond Hunt Clubs was held at Petersburg, the picture showing them at the start, which was made at Harvill's Field.

COLTS START WITH EIGHT PITCHERS

LiPe Has Promising Bunch from Which to Pick Flinging Staff.

FIELDER SIEBER SILENT

Management Hears Nothing from Baltimore Player, but Is Not Worrying.

Manager Perry LiPe has heard nothing from Left Fielder Sieber, who has been taking an examination in Baltimore during the past week. Sieber promised to write LiPe yesterday, stating whether or not he would play with the Colts this season, and unless he breaks loose on the wire or through the mails before to-morrow, LiPe will send him a telegram to find out what he intends to do in the matter of fixing his list to a contract. It is pretty certain that Sieber will return here and his silence is causing no apprehension.

Pitcher Walker, who was purchased from Danville, has finally come across and now the pitching staff is complete. Eight fingers in all have returned contracts, and there should be no difficulty in selecting a good start out of this number. Reville and Bussey of last year's team, are fixtures, and there is no question but that Walker can deliver the goods. Among the other promising men are Ashton, of Chicago; Powers, of Rockport, Ind.; Watson, of Tallahassee, Fla.; and Muir, of Hamilton, Ont. All of these men are experienced and come with good recommendations. Weymick, the Manchester youngster, also will be given a try-out during the exhibition games.

Still Holding Out.

Cowan is still holding out for big money. If he does not sign up with in the next few days, the local management will send him an ultimatum. An all probability he will come to terms before the exhibition games begin on March 27. Ison also is holding out. He has a good job as traveling salesman and hates to give up the easy money.

Manager LiPe will send out transportation to the players to-morrow, and they will begin arriving in town next Saturday or Sunday. Three are coming from Chicago, one from Detroit, one from Lehigh, Pa., three from Pennsylvania towns, one from Cincinnati, one from Ontario, and one from Tallahassee. The transportation will amount to quite an item.

The regular practice begins one week from to-morrow. The men will work out twice daily, at 10 o'clock in the morning and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Some of the men have been practicing in their home towns, and they should be well limbered up when the big exhibition games commence.

Eighteen Men Signed.

Including Manager LiPe, eighteen men are now up and a lot of these will be on hand when the first practice call sounds. "Dutch" Reville, who is at his home in Portsmouth, probably will come here this week. "Dutch" says he is glad to get back with the Colts, since the Yankees would not give him a try-out, and it is more than an even bet that the majority of the Richmond fans are glad to see him back. Reville pitched great ball for Richmond last year, and the fans are expecting even better work of him this season.

BECKER WINS TOURNAMENT.

Abundant Man Defeats Parmelee Three Up and Two to Play.

PINNEHURST, N. C., March 13.—C. L. Becker, of the Woodland Golf Club, Abundant, Mass., was the winner of the annual club championship golf tournament to-day, defeating E. S. Parmelee, of the New Haven, Conn. Country Club, three up and two to play in the thirty-six hole final.

D. L. Coffey, of the Franklin Park Club, Boston, won the consolation in which he defeated L. S. Robeson, of Rochester, two up and one to play, the Massachusetts player being four up at noon.

REPRESENT VIRGINIA BOWLERS IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN GAMES

Whitman, of Richmond, and Wagner, of Norfolk, Are the Players Chosen.

E. G. Whitman, of Richmond, and A. W. Wagner, of Norfolk, have been selected to represent the Virginia State Bowling Association in the big tournament which is to be held by the National Bowling Association in May at the Madison Square Garden, New York City. This will be the first time the Virginia association has been represented at the national tourney.

Whitman will leave for Norfolk this week to begin training with Wagner on the Brunswick alleys in that city, and later Wagner will come here to train with Whitman on the Newport alleys. They will enter the team events at the national tournament as a two-man team, and also will take part in many of the individual events.

Wagner and Whitman are regarded as among the best bowlers in the South, and the State association is expecting great things of them in the national tourney. Whitman has played in all of the largest cities throughout the South, and has met some of the best bowlers in the country.

Wagner was the leading man on the strong Boston team for five years, and is the fastest man on the present Norfolk team.

Largest Ever Held.

Present indications are that the tournament in New York will be the largest ever held in the world. It will open on May 24, and continue until June 5. There will be representatives from all of the Eastern and Southern States, as well as teams from the West and Canada. Twenty-four of the highest class alleys will be in the Madison Square Garden, and it is estimated that fully 200,000 bowlers will take part in the tourney. New York City will be represented by 600 teams.

An aggregate of \$50,000 in cash

DEEP RUN HOUNDS FURNISH SPORT

Field Small, but Pink Coat Riders Have to Leap Four and a Half Foot Fence.

Deep Run hounds were in fine form yesterday afternoon, when a small but enthusiastic field of sportsmen met at Chestnut Hill. The master, W. O. Fox, on Overland, and Draper, the huntman, on Grandis, with the pack of seven and a half couples well in hand, galloped up promptly at 3:30 o'clock, when the following members of the club saluted the M. F. H.: Archer Anderson, on Chorus Girl; J. R. J. Anderson, on Paladin; Louis Gairright, on Bessie Barker; Fred Campbell, on Computer; William Campbell, on Gipsy Boy; Edward D. Harris, on Zilla, and two hard riding youngsters, the Burruss boys, on thoroughbreds.

Mr. Graves, the genial secretary of the hunt, who is one of the faithful, was in New York, arranging with the Jockey Club for the spring race meet. Hounds were cast west of Chestnut Hill, and finding, went away in fine form, giving voice lustily. The drag was laid across Strawberry Hill, Thassey's farm, Foxboro, Burruss's estate, Kelly's, Cheatwood's, to a run to earth near Ginter Park. The going was good and a fair lot of fences were jumped, notably some new flights of posts and rails on the Burruss farm, which demanded four and a half feet of leaping.

After the drag a reception was held at Deep Run Clubhouse, where a number of society people welcomed the pink-coated sportsmen.

Miss Beall Wins Singles.

PINNEHURST, N. C., March 13.—Miss Priscilla Beall, of Uniontown, Pa., was the winner of the women's singles tennis tournament for the Country Club spring cup here to-day, defeating Miss Bill, of East Orange, N. J., 6-3, 6-3, in the final round.



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The Week's Winners.

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Following are some of the high scores for the week:

Duckpins—Wilkes, 136; Watkins, 125; C. H. Cosby, 123; Thorpe, 120; Payne, 124; L. Cosby, 121; E. Vaden, 113; C. Vaden, 116; Ellis, 115; Wagner, 112.

Tenpins—C. L. Cosby, 235; H. P. Brown, 224; E. D. Sturtz, 220; R. Wadford, 219; Crawford, 216; Goodman, 214.

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The Final Relay.

An hour or so before the end the management picked out the freshest men of each team for the final relay. The men who carried their respective colors across the line were Giot, Metkus, Dineen, Loeslin, Fraxer, Corey, Feegan, Rovere, Keller, Pallanti, and Hartley. As each "Ped" crossed the line he was given a great ovation. A crowd of about 2,000 persons saw the finish.

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Carolina played her first game of the season here to-day on a wet diamond with the Bingham (Mebane) "Prep" School. The "prep" boys showed up surprisingly strong with the willow, getting a total of eight hits. Carolina had an off day, and her hitting and fielding were a shade off. Duncan and Moore did the stick work for the Tarheels, each getting two hits. The wet condition of the grounds made the fielding and base running slow.

Carolina's next game is with Oakridge here Saturday.

Score by Innings:

Carolina 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 3 4
Bingham 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2
The line-up: Carolina—Duncan, second base; Hamilton, first base; Moore, catcher; Ross, center field; Winn, right field; Tillet and Lyon, third base; Dula and Stewart, pitchers. Bingham—Lutterloh, second base; Horner, first base; Lipscomb, catcher; Rays, center field; Street, shortstop; Glover, left field; Corbett, right field; E. Lutterloh, third base; Campbell, pitcher.

Umpires—"Farms" Moore and "Rummy" Wrenn, of the Eastern Carolina League.

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GANS-WHITE BOUT DISGUSTS SPORTS

Hardly Fifty Dollars Wagered Around Ring Before Men Started to Fight.

AN "OLD-AGE" EXHIBITION

Nelson May Know Own Business Best in Dodging McFarland and Welsh.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, March 13.—"If the New York Boxing Club managers are wise they will bar Joe Gans and Jabez White from further exhibitions of old age," said a leading patron of glove contests to-day, and in making this declaration he voiced the opinion of practically all the sporting men in town.

It was pointed out by correspondents ten days ago that the Gans-White bout might cause dissatisfaction for several reasons—that the men were too old to display anything like their former skill; that Gans' reputation as a self-confessed "fakier" would not help any when it was a fact that several shades of individuals were "mixed up" and that White in declaring himself lightweight champion of England "was merely four-flushing, since he lost the title to Jack Goldwin two years ago in a bout at the National Sporting Club at London.

Looking at the bout as provided by the ancient boxers, Gans and White, without prejudice, malice or lack of experience, conservative judges were convinced of one thing in particular. The bout was not a "frame-up" or a "fake," for the excellent reason that, all told, not \$50 was wagered around the ring before the men began to box. There was absolutely no betting at sporting resorts for a week prior to the bout, as the talent regarded both Gans and White as back numbers.

As the average age limit in pugilism is about thirty-three years, it is not unfair to say that Gans and White should have retired some time ago. Gans was a shadow of his former great self. He was weak in the legs, had little strength to either take or give punch, and would have been put to sleep if White had possessed just ordinary hitting power. If anything, White was in better physical condition, barring a very weak jaw.

Unless Gans has gone back with unusual rapidity since his defeat at the hands of Nelson last September, it was the opinion among ring followers to-day that Nelson is just possibly a bit overrated, and that he knows what he is about when he dodges the challenges from Packy McFarland and Freddie Welsh.

Ridiculous Offer.

Jeffries is inclined to ridicule the offer of a \$50,000 purse for a battle with Johnson, made by Hugh D. McIntosh, the Australian fight promoter. McIntosh told to-day that he knew of a number of Seattle men stood ready to offer \$150,000, and declared if he decided to make a match with the negro the battleground would be in America, not in Europe or Australia.

In other words, Jeffries will turn down the offer of \$50,000, and that as soon as Johnson reaches this city there will be some definite results.

Owen Moran, the English boxer, will be the favorite when he enters the ring at the Fairmont Athletic Club next Tuesday to box ten rounds with Harlen Tommy Murphy. These boys did some vigorous work to-day in preparation for the mill, in spite of the unpleasant weather. Moran had a distinct advantage when he met Murphy at the National Athletic Club several weeks ago, and for that reason he believed that he will trim the Harlem boxer again.

With Mike Donlin and Cy Seymour out of it, Manager McGraw will have to drill practically a new outfield for the Glants this year. But in Murray, Herzog, Eflera, McCormick, Coughlin and Meyers he has a fast lot of youngsters.

Mobile is coming hopes in a sturdy bunch of twenty that have come from everywhere. The Sea Gulls have a few of last year's players, a number of S. A. L. players, and one or two just "pick-ups." The line-up is as follows:

Catchers, Braun and Jack Hoady; left field, Hilken, of the South-Atlantic; center field, Miller; infielders, Sabrie, Photon, Gregory, Sentell, Watson; outfielders, Wheat, Thornton, Cole and Taggart. Robb, or Capron, freak player, has not yet signed for the infield.

Charley Babb's Squad.

Charley Babb, for several years manager of the Memphis Americans, is justly proud of his acquisitions. He thinks that he will get the pennant, and has stated so. He is banking on his pitchers of last year—a Virginia League and a Carolina League—to lean matters out.

His line-up will come from the following: Catchers—O'Leary, Lundine, a Chicago semi-pro; Daley, from Michigan; and Schmidt, brother of the Detroit Schmidt. Pitchers—Shields, Iron Man Schwenck, Keiber and Willis, of the last year bunch; Emprson, Dick and Quilnesser, from the Eastern and Western leagues. Infielders—Carey, Cranston, Babb, of last year's bunch, and Lindsay, a player from the Virginia League, who starred in a few of the Memphis games last season. Outfield—Stinson, of the Virginia League, Baerwald, Wagner and Woodruff.

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FRESH BLOOD IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Old Players Let Out and Youngsters Are Put in Their Places.

VIRGINIA FURNISHES PROMISING MATERIAL

Tossers from Danville and Lynchburg Now Playing With the Southerners—Practice Has Begun and Outlook for Premier Season Is Bright.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] MOBILE, Ala., March 13.—This week was reporting time for all of the teams of the Southern League, since the first part of the week all of the clubs have been swelled by the visits of the players, and practice was begun in earnest as soon as appearance was put in.

For the most part the league bids fair to be the best one in the history of the South. By a remarkable process of weeding, most of the old players have been gotten rid of to give way to the younger fellows, and as a consequence most of the clubs are showing redoubt, younger and more vigorous blood.

More attention has been paid by the moguls of the eight Southern League cities to the neighboring leagues than at any previous time. Out of the South Atlantic League has come a number of players who have high records. More players, however, have come out of the Virginia League, as seen below. A full prospectus of the ante-season situation is appended. The Southern League season opens April 13.

Nashville's Line-Up.

Manager Bernard, out of the National League one season, expresses himself as very well satisfied with his 1909 season line-up. He has signed over twenty players, whose records are high in the first rank. Four of his leading pitchers of last year are again in his volunteer ranks, a fact which at once assures one of the strongest aggregations in the Southern League.

The catchers are Seabough, Tonne-man, Bartlett and Pratt. William Seabough, of Danville, is one of the strongest fielding bunches in the South—will work in the outfield. Infielders will be selected from Robinson, Butler, East, Noyes and Craft. The twirlers are Bernard, Duggan, Kellum, Perdue, all of last year; Syfert, Gilroy and Weaver. There's a possible chance of getting Sitton back from the Cleveland team, of the American League. Also a probability of McIlveen, the fast third baseman, reverting to Bernard from Brooklyn exiles.

Dutchman Sanguine.

Dutchman Charley Frank, manager of the New Orleans bunch, is sanguine over his prospects. A number of his old players are back, and he has within one point of the pennant last year—back, among them Theo. Brittenstein, the "Grand Old Man," premier twirler in the Southern League last season. The Pelicans' complete line-up is as follows:

Catchers, Milo Stratton and Mathews, both of last year; pitchers, Otto Hess, William Bartley, Cafaule, Nestle, Nevenpara, Charles Pruitt and Charlie Fritz; infielders, Charles Dextor, Gus Dugan, Edman, George Rohe and Leo Huber; outfielders, Jacob Weimer, Steve Regan, Ed. Huelmann and Jack Manning. Hitchcock, out of the Eastern League, will also twirl for the Dutchman.

Greminger's Hopes.

Eddie Greminger, who six and eight years ago starred with the Boston Nationals, is again leading the Montgomery bunch this year. The manager is more hopeful of the season than ever before. His Climber aggregation has a number of last year's players, while the entire pitching staff is back. The team has been materially strengthened by the addition of Manush and Kerwin, both of whom are released from the big leaguers. The Climbers' line-up follows:

Catchers, Shannon, Hart and Krebs; pitchers, Forrest Thomas, leading Southern League pitcher, with the exception of Brittenstein; Herbert Juul, of the University of Chicago's high school; Elmer Bliss, Liverton, Whitey Guese, Willis, brother to the Pirate twirler of the National League; Green-walt and Bebat, the first two being Eastern League finds; infielders, Greminger, Manush, Peppe, Ike Locken-bath, and Ed. Huelmann. Perdon of the University of Wisconsin, leading Southern League fielder last year; Kerwin, of the Washington Nationals; Daly and Whitman; Geler, of St. Paul, utility.

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